

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_0744A  
Takashi NOZAKI et al. : **Confirmation No. 3968**  
Serial No. 10/579,785 : Group Art Unit 3679  
Filed April 3, 2007 : Examiner Clifford J. Louden  
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of August 20, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows.